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the effective date of this act, so not to tie future litigation to the date of January 1, 2001. So in case we have another basin in the state where litigation might be filed against the state of Nebraska, then the NRD would have the discretion to choose a different date. And that date could be when the litigation was filed. But this does not affect...this amendment does not affect the Republican River basin. It just kind of covers the subject matter in case there's a litigation in another basin in the state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. On the Schrock amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. And this is tough work, trying to prescribe what is a fair standard for the NRDs to look at when they begin to differentiate between the restrictions on water wells. As has been discussed before, where we have had a general rule that we all share the shortage when it comes to ground water, and then we start to deviate from that, that is...that needs to be done carefully. But I think Senator Schrock is doing this because it absolutely is necessary. I know he wouldn't propose it otherwise. The NRDs do need this flexibility, I guess, and particularly down in the area of the Republican River valley, although this amendment would pertain, perhaps, to other basins in the future. I wanted to ask Senator Schrock a couple of questions, if he would yield to.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Proceed.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Schrock, the amendment says, if such litigation is commenced after the effective date of this act, the district may establish different provisions for restriction of water wells constructed after the date on which the litigation is commenced in federal court. I want to ask you a question. Let's say that the...this pertained to some water basin, call it the Big Blue or something, let's just use that as an example. And let's say litigation started January 1, or January 2 of 2002, and then the NRD in that area decided to put